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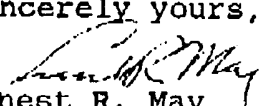
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I am writing to invite you to a discussion and dinner of the Kennedy School's Intelligence and Policy Project. It will be held on Monday, November 25, at the Washington International Club, 1800 K Street, N.W. beginning at 4:00 p.m., continuing through drinks and dinner, and concluding by about 9:00 p.m. I very much hope you will be able to join us.

The meeting will focus on a case study of the analysis of the Soviet economy at the CIA, from the beginning of the endeavor in the post-war years to the present controversy over the size and strength of the Soviet economy in the 1980's. The study pays particular attention to the institutional development of the agency's analytic community, the waxing and waning of agency openness with analysis, and the expectations and reactions of policymakers. Links are drawn to the agency's current interest in expanding its role in strategic economic analysis. We hope that the discussion will be useful in thinking both about issues specific to Soviet economy analysis and, more generally, about defining, managing and disseminating economic analysis.

We would welcome your participation in the discussion. Would you please let Nancy Huntington, administrative coordinator of the program, know if you can join us; she can be reached at (617) 495-1142. If you have any questions or would like to contact me, my number is (617) 495-1197. We look forward to seeing you on November 25th.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ernest R. May